

Armstrong, Frame Granary
Road 429, 1 mile east of Route 896
on the north side of the road
Armstrong Corner Vicinity
New Castle County
Delaware

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Delaware	COUNTY New Castle	TOWN OR VICINITY St. Georges Hundred Armstrong Corner vicinity
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Achmester, Frame Granary (family papers)		HABS NO. DE-221-C
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) North side of route 429 approximately one mile west of the intersection with Route 896 (Armstrong Corner).		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) ca. 1840 (construction)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The Achmester frame granary was constructed in the mid 19th century as a new grain storage and processing building intended to augment or replace the existing log granary (see HABS DE-221-B). In addition to processing and storage it also provided		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) cont. from above: for vehicular access. In the mid 1880s, this granary form was widely accepted in the area.		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Braced frame post-and-rail construction on continuous rubble stone footings; common rafter roof with joined apex and no false plate. Vertical board and slat siding attached with cut nails.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The Achmester frame granary was ornamented with scalloped verge boards. The primary gable entry faced eastward onto a farmyard court; the rear (west) elevation opened out toward the fields and the site of a now demolished bank barn. Original roof attached to continuous board sub-roofing.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) note are diagonally tabled scarf joints used to piece together the interior wall plates. The granary loft is gutted.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Mid 20th century granary stripped of grain bins.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Ruinous: abandoned.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Farm was owned by Richard Mansfield circa 1820-1846 and the Nowland family circa 1846-1910.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register of Historic Places; Delaware State Archives probate records and Richard Mansfield accounts; family papers; Delaware Rural History Project.		
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